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SULFUR DIOXIDE FROM FLUE GAS AND  
CONVERSION TO FERTILIZER**

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is filed in response to the election/restriction requirement dated March 7, 2003. The Examiner is requiring an election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

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| Group I  | Claims 1-26, drawn to a method for removing SO <sub>x</sub> from a gas, classified in class 423, subclass 243.06+. |
| Group II | Claims 27-48, drawn to a scrubber, classified in class 422, subclass 168+.   |